

sister station in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her heart remained in Columbia, and Kara married Banks Meador, a native of Chester, in 2002, which led to her return to WIS. Back in Columbia, she anchored the weekend news and served as a weekday reporter. Later she rejoined the Sunrise program, where her journey at WIS began.

Kara has been recognized for her journalism talent by the Associated Press and the South Carolina Broadcasters Association. She has also earned the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award of Excellence.

She has been very active in the Midlands community. Kara has generously donated her time and her talents to the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, Special Olympics South Carolina, Project Pet, Sistercare, Camp Kemo, the Children's Miracle Network and Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. She is also an active supporter of Winston's Wish, a foundation of autistic children, and the national Safety Council's "Alive at 25" program, which promotes safe driving habits among drivers under 25.

Kara takes great pride in her contribution to Faces of Freedom, a book that profiles fallen heroes who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. The proceeds of the book go to charities that benefit military families.

As a former competitive swimmer and scholarship athlete, Kara is dedicated to promoting physical fitness. She helped create and build Limitless Sports, an organization that helps wheelchair-bound children and adults participate in athletics.

Kara and her husband will remain in Columbia, where she will focus on raising their three young sons—Dalton, Evan and Cooper.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me on congratulating Kara Gormley for her contributions to the field of broadcast journalism and to her dedication to making her community a better place to live. She has enriched the lives of so many during her years at WIS-TV, and I wish her all the best as she pursues other endeavors.

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,040,053,515,762.18.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,401,627,769,468.38 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

## HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA B. SUTHERLAND

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Representative Patricia B. Sutherland and congratulate her on her pending retirement from the Maine Legislature.

Currently serving her second term in the Maine Legislature, Representative Sutherland has shown a continued dedication to serving the people of Maine and has been a tireless advocate for education and economic development in the state.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Joseph's College, Pat began her career teaching high school English, and a little over twenty years ago, Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, then Northern Maine Technical College, was fortunate enough to bring her on as their director of development and community relations. While Pat's retirement from that role was cause for some sadness, it provided an occasion to show her dedication to increasing Maine students' opportunities for higher learning. As the House Chair of the Maine Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, Pat has worked hard to improve education for all Maine students.

Pat is also a champion of economic development in Maine. Her commitment to economic development is exemplified by her contributions to Aroostook County's economic development initiatives, including the critical Aroostook County Empowerment Zone. Pat also chairs the Northern Maine Empowerment Council and is a board member of the Northern Maine Development Commission and the Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development program. In addition, she is a member of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and is on the Town of Chapman's board of selectmen.

Patricia Sutherland continues to leave lasting marks on Maine. I am confident that she will continue to find ways to express her passion for educational and economic development during this new and exciting chapter in her life. On behalf of the people of Maine, it is with pride that I congratulate Representative Sutherland for her excellent work.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Representative Patricia B. Sutherland for her continued dedication to serving the people of Maine.

## TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR LOUIS ANTONELLI

### HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. SABLÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man truly blessed by his Creator: a man who is religious, honest, faithful, devoted, and obedient to his calling. The man to whom I refer is the Reverend Monsignor Louis Antonelli, the pastor of San Isidro Church on the island of Rota.

Monsignor Antonelli was born on September 23, 1918, in Sheppron, Pennsylvania. He began his studies for the priesthood at the Stigmatine Minor Seminary in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1931, at the tender age of 13 years. He continued his studies at the Stigmatine Major Seminary in Wellesley, Massachusetts until he was ordained a priest on June 11, 1949, and immediately became an assistant pastor at the Sacred Heart Church, in Milford, Massachusetts.

Four years later in 1953, he was assigned to the U.S. territory of Guam, where he taught at Father Duenas Memorial School, a Catholic high school, until being reassigned to the mainland United States in 1959.

In 1970 he returned to Guam, this time as Assistant Pastor at the Agana Cathedral and San Vicente Church. He also served as Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program on Guam.

In 1973, he was sent to the Northern Mariana Islands, first for two weeks on Tinian, then to the permanent position of Pastor of San Francisco De Borja Church in Songsong, Rota. There he served until 1991, when he initiated and built the Rota San Isidro Mission at Sinapalu on Rota, becoming its Pastor and serving at the Mission up to the present day.

In his ministry, Monsignor Antonelli presided over countless masses, baptisms, catechism classes, counseling sessions, weddings and funerals. His daily work involves administering communion to hospital patients, prison inmates, the sick and the elderly.

In partnership with the Sisters of Mercy from Guam, he established the Escuelan San Francisco De Borja on Rota in 1985. Today, the school continues to provide grade school education to children on Rota. He is also directly responsible for the beautification and maintenance of the San Pedro Cemetery on Rota, which some have referred to as a mini Arlington National Cemetery because of the care Pale Antonelli has given this ground.

While ministering to his flock, Monsignor Antonelli also has found time to breed and raise cattle and to experiment with a variety of grasses to use as feed. He has a herd of nearly 100 head of cattle on his small Rota ranch. Many would say that the Monsignor has bred the best cattle and maintains the best grazing lands on Rota.

Monsignor Antonelli's service and activities have won wide recognition. Among the honors he has received during his service on Rota is recognition as the "Conservationist of the Year" in 1990 by the Luta Soil and Water Conservation District; and in 1996, Pope John Paul II named him "Prelate of Honor", which gave him the title of Monsignor.

Monsignor Antonelli has been a priest for 61 years, 37 of which he ministered to the spiritual health of the people of Rota, volunteered as a high school teacher and assisted farmers and cattle ranchers. He has declared and affirmed that Rota is his home for the rest of his life and also where he wants to rest in peace.

On behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, I wish to express my gratitude to Monsignor Antonelli for all his exceptional service and wish him good health and much happiness as he continues his ministry to our people: We look forward to his 92nd birthday in September!